



# Middletown Roars



Middletown Lions Club Newsletter  
President Lion Dennis Krause

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## Calendar

**Aug 15 - Peach Festival**

**Aug 24 – Board Meeting 6:30 PM KL Dennis Home**

Aug 25 – President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Membership Chair Dinner

**Sept 14 – Regular Meeting 6:30 PM**

Sept 24-26 USA Canada Forum

**Sept 26 – Art On The Green 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Sept 28 – Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM**

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS....

I would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement I felt during the awards dinner and the absolute heroic effort you showed at the car show on the 5th of July. You all have my admiration.

## AND TALES....

The Lion...King of the Beast...Top of the food chain...Not world renown for his superior intelligence.

One day the Lion approached the monkey, who is intelligent and a great problem solver. "Mr. Monkey, how can I find out if all the other animals respect me as the King?" The monkey thought for a few seconds, and replied quite confidently, "Go ask them." So the lion set out to seek his answer.

He first came upon his arch-enemy, the hyena. Because he didn't have ten of his buddies to back him up, the hyena grudgingly conceded the lion was the King. All throughout the day, the lion asked each animal; the hippo, the cheeta, the giraffe, the buffalo and the buzzard. Finally, at the end of the day, the lion was feeling very confident and completely cocky. He approached the last animal, the elephant. He was peacefully enjoying eating a tree, just minding his own business, when the King of the Beast asked him the question he had asked all the other animals, all proclaiming him the Supreme King. However, the elephant chose to ignor the unwelcomed guest, again and again and again. This totally annoyed the lion. He roared out "Hey Stupid!! Who's the King of the Beast?" The elephant stopped eating, calmly picked up the lion with his long trunk, pounded the lion to the ground several times, then threw the lion over his back and into the bushes. Then, the elephant continued dinner. The lion staggered to his feet, looked up at the elephant, and softly replied, "If you don't know the answer, just say so."

I'm sure I can depend on all of you for the right answers, for Lion's year 2009-2010. God bless us all in our combined efforts.

King Lion Dennis

## BANNER TRANSFER - July 28th

The District's Banner Transfer was held at the beautiful Waterfalls Banquet Facilities in Claymont. There were 188 Lions in attendance including our Lions PCS Don, Ginny, Dennis and Carolyn. A larger room made the Parade of Banners, each club announced and marching in alphabetical order, an impressive sight. The highlight of the evening was the symbolic transfer of the Governor's Banner. Dinner was excellent. Roster books and District pins were received and will be distributed at our next meeting.

## FOOD LION SHOP AND SHARE PROGRAM

A new fundraiser for our club that doesn't require any effort, no weekend hours selling tickets, no cooking over a hot burner, no standing for hours.

Our local Middletown FoodLion has a Shop and Share Program whereby organizations can sign up and register a minimum of 25 people who use their MVP shopping card for store discounts. For every in-store purchase made our club will receive pennies per dollar spent on a quarterly basis. This doesn't seem like very much but the more people we register the better the profits. Please call this program to the attention of your family and friends. It doesn't matter if they shop once a week, once a month or once a year with FoodLion. Whenever they run into FoodLion instead of Walmart to make a small purchase and use their MVP card their purchase will be benefitting their local Lions Club. If they would like to register their card with us please obtain the 12 numbers (both small and large numbers) on the back of the card with their name and telephone number, I will take care of the registration for them. Remember to thank them on behalf of our club and Middletown also thanks them since they benefit from the funds we raise.

Lion Carolyn



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### **REMINDER THAT 2009-10 CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE.**

The Treasurer must submit one-half of the dues for each member to Lions International in July and District 22D in August. The remaining dues are submitted at mid-year.

### **NEW MEETING PLACE - NORTH STAR GRILL**

Our first meeting of the new year, Sept. 14th, will be at the North Star Grill on Main Street, 6:30 pm. KL Dennis will be visiting the Grill shortly to work out the menu details with the management. Additional details to follow in our September newsletter. KL Dennis is looking forward to a great year.

### **DELAWARE STREET ROD FESTIVAL**

What a busy day we had! We couldn't have had a nicer July 5th. The beautiful weather brought out a vast amount of antique cars and their owners. The organizer of the event said they registered 191 cars but over 200 were on display, additional cars arrived late and were not charged admission fees. We ran out of hotdogs, hamburgers, soda and water, thank goodness WALMART is close by to restock our favorite menu items. Thank you to our ten hard working Lions who worked a total of minimum of 70 manhours on our first fundraiser of the new Lion year. Our thanks to Willey's Farms for their donation of lettuce, tomatoes and onions for our burgers. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

### **PEACH FESTIVAL**

We are ready! Fifteen days and counting. Reserve Saturday, August 15th on your calendar for Middletown's Annual Peach Festival. We will be needing everyone's assistance, call Bettylou (378-2897) and let her know what times you are available to serve. If the weather is beautiful like last year, we will have many hungry and thirsty people to wait on.

### **SURE SIGHT SCREENING DEVICE WORKSHOP**

Saturday, August 22nd, 10-12 pm is the date of the Sure Sight Device screening workshop to be held at the Appoquinimick Community Library in their meeting room to your left. Lion Jim Miles, Chair of the program, will be conducting the workshop.

This new device is far superior to the older machine used for many years. It is user-friendly, lightweight, quicker with eye exams and provides immediate printer readout results. As soon as we get our scheduled dates to use the device we will be setting up a schedule with Middletown preschools. Your presence at the workshop is important to the club's preschool vision screening program. A count is needed, please let me know by August 15th if you plan to attend.  
Lion Carolyn (378-7202)

### **TWINNING**

Hello Carolyn,  
Hope your awards luncheon and installation of new officers on June 28 was enjoyable.  
Installation Ceremony of our new officers will take place sometime in September or October.  
Your Multiple District Convention is overwhelmed with many events.

Did you play golf or visit the casino?

In 2003 my wife and I had been to "TRUMP TAJ MAHAL" casino in Atlantic City, NJ and lost some dollars. In our Multiple District Convention, there are very limited events like business meetings, award distributions and lunch/dinners.

Carolyn, if you have no problem we want to make a plan to visit you in 2010 or 2011, if everything goes well by the grace of the almighty.

Now it is rainy season in Bangladesh and it often rains. Sometime Floods affects our country in the rainy season.

Take care, stay well,

Yours in Lionism,

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### **LION TIBITS**

The founders of the Lions Clubs chose to be called "Lions" because the name symbolized courage, strength, activity and fidelity. Ever since those early years we Lions have used the symbol to our advantage. A lion, whether standing alone or part of the logo of Lions Clubs International (LCI), is a sign of our vigorous presence, a silent but grand statement that Lions are here and we matter.

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### **DISTRICT BITS**

#### *Laurel Lions*

On May 7th thirteen lions from our club attended the District Leadership School at Caesar Rodney High School. Lion of the month was Lion Pat Disharoon for hard work being Treasurer and outstanding service. Our club again ushered at the Dover Downs Races on May 30 & May 31. We received a check for \$4800 from the track for our services. On June 13, three Lions from our club received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (Lion Ed Kelly, Lion PCS Brad Spicer and Lion Barry Munoz) and two Lions received the Clement F. Kusiak Fellowships Award (Lion PCS Brad and Lion Barry). Lion PCS Brad Spicer was awarded the Lion of the Year for his outstanding service to our club and District. Lion Leroy Mitchell was honored with a chevron pin for 60 years of service to Lionism.

#### *Milton Lions*

Our Club will be running the Clipper Express train again this summer in the Memorial Park, during the concerts in the Park. Our club will be selling water and soda during the concerts. Our "Adopt-a-Highway" project was a great success. We had seventeen Lions (1/3 of our members) picking up litter on a 2 mile stretch of highway. We completed the job in 1.5 hours and collected 12 bags of litter.

#### *Newark Lions*

The Newark Lions Club will celebrate their long history of 80 years of service with a banquet on October 24, 2009 at the Newark Country Club.

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#### **District Governor Lion Lee (Edited from District D-Tails)**

Fellow Lions,

Well here we go on what must be a year of growth for the District. With the economic situation being what it is, growth in our existing areas of service will be our prime concern. More and more of our fellow Delawareans will need our services. Can we step-up to the challenge? I know we can, we must. To that end, my slogan for the year is "Grow the Service". Obviously this asks that we expand what we are doing in every area we can. How can we expand when we too are under economic pressure? Be flexible and creative, don't be too timid try something new. Our International President Eberhard Wirfs slogan for the year is "Move to Grow". I think the connection is clear. We must "Move" or adjust some of our old ways if we are to "Grow" in order to perform more "Service" or "**MOVE TO GROW THE SERVICE**".

Every Club will need to look at its fundraising efforts. Cut excess cost to make them as profitable as possible. The old tighten the belt. Can a tried and true fundraiser be expanded or duplicated again during the year? An extra pancake day might be well received by the community. Every Club will need to look at their own program for improvements. We need to take care of our own. Most of you heard me say that last year, no change this year. We must be mindful that the problems in the economy are shared by some of our members. Let us be sure we do not lose any good members over temporary economic setbacks. Just ask "is this Lion worth keeping" if the answer is yes, then keep them and work out the finances later. Now for the one we all love, we will need added hands to handle the increase in service and fundraising work. That means new members as well as keeping the ones we have. We lost two clubs last year putting us at 35 clubs the minimum number needed to remain a District. Our membership is only 60 above the minimum of 1250. Last year we lost 188 members and only added about 123. I will stop talking about membership, when you do something about membership. Yes you, not the other Lions who are reading this, YOU, and now! "It is time for Lions to come out of their dens!" This bulletin goes out to all PDGs, District Officers, & Chairs, Club Officers, and Membership Chairs. If you, the District Leaders, are serious about being Lion Leaders in this District then stop talking about what you have done in the past, and Lead now. 23 PDG, 55 Dist. Cabinet, 35 Pres. & Member Chairs should = 148 new members.

Please accept the challenge and really **Lead** this year.

**DG Lee**

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Thanks again to Lion Carolyn for adding content for our bulletin. I welcome all to send me items to add to our 'ROARS'.

Lion Charlie

